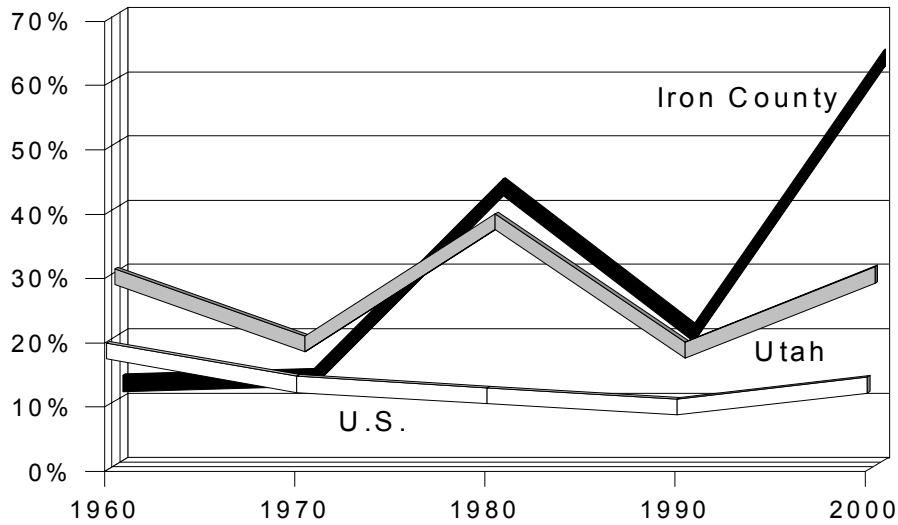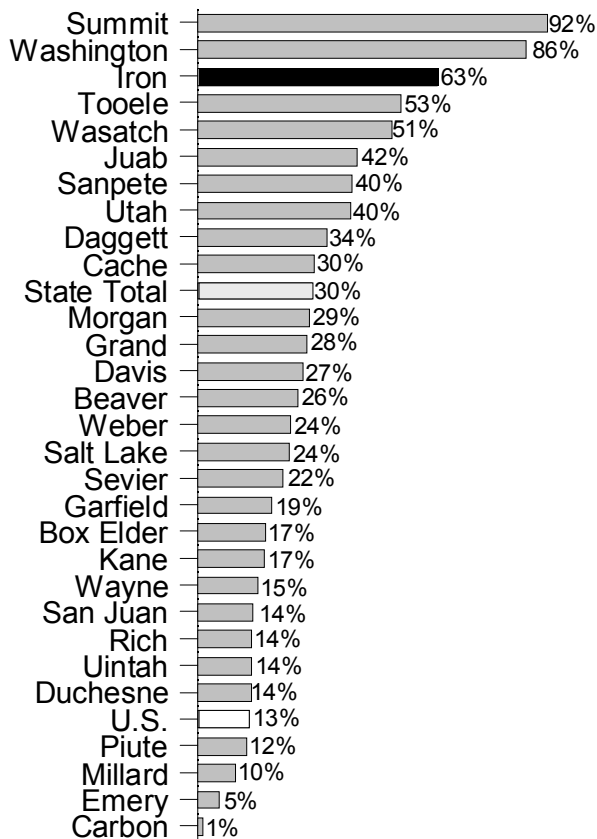# Population Profile

Population Growth

After a slow start in 1960, Iron County's population growth mimicked the state pattern for several decades. . .until the 90s, when the Iron County population exploded by 63 percent.
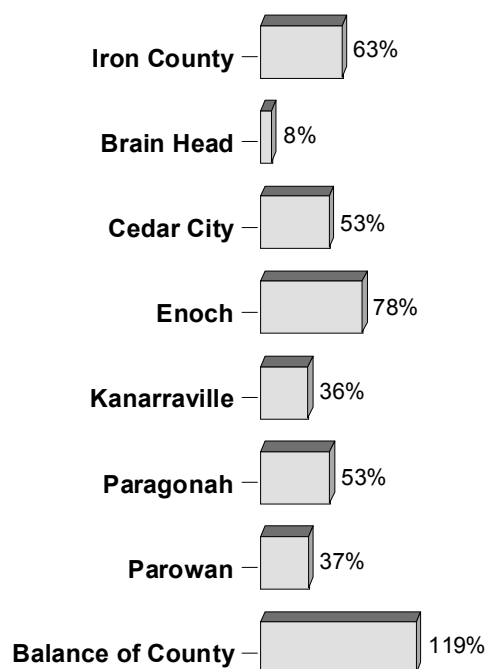
Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

1990 to 2000 Population Growth by County

County	Growth
Summit	92%
Washington	86%
Iron	63%
Tooele	53%
Wasatch	51%
Juab	42%
Sanpete	40%
Utah	40%
Daggett	34%
Cache	30%
State Total	30%
Morgan	29%
Grand	28%
Davis	27%
Beaver	26%
Weber	24%
Salt Lake	24%
Sevier	22%
Garfield	19%
Box Elder	17%
Kane	17%
Wayne	15%
San Juan	14%
Rich	14%
Uintah	14%
Duchesne	14%
U.S.	13%
Piute	12%
Millard	10%
Emery	5%
Carbon	1%

Iron County was the third-fastest growing county in the state during the 90s—right behind neighboring Washington County.
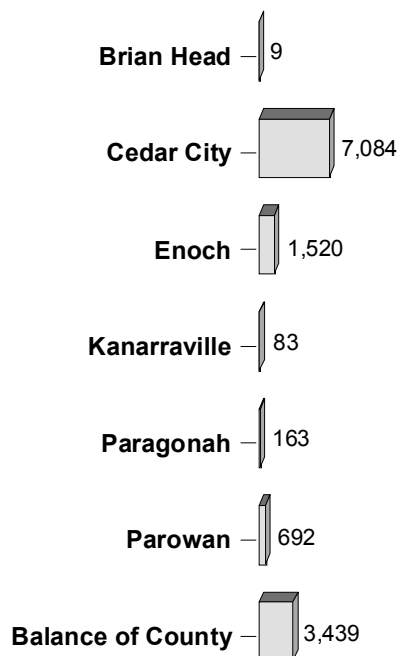
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1990-2000 Population Change by City

Iron County — 63%

Brain Head — 8%

Cedar City — 53%

Enoch — 78%

Kanarraville — 36%

Paragonah — 53%

Parowan — 37%

Balance of County — 119%

During the 90s, Enoch was the fastest growing Iron County town. However, growth was even more rapid outside the larger towns. Brian Head showed the slowest population expansion.
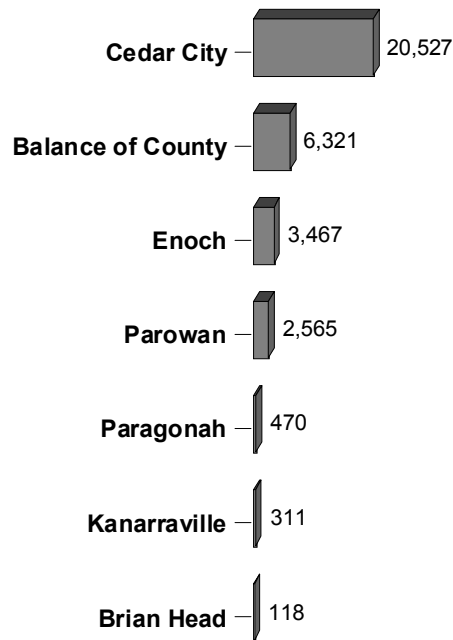
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1990-2000 Population Growth by City

Brian Head — 9

Cedar City — 7,084

Enoch — 1,520

Kanarraville — 83

Paragonah — 163

Parowan — 692

Balance of County — 3,439

Cedar City may not have been the fastest growing city in Iron County. However, it housed more than half of the county's new population during the 90s.
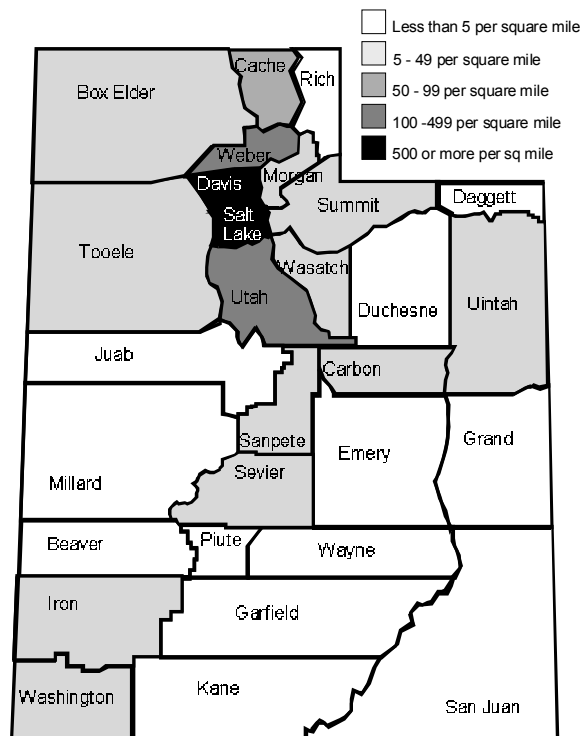
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2000 Population by City

Cedar City — 20,527

Balance of County — 6,321

Enoch — 3,467

Parowan — 2,565

Paragonah — 470

Kanarraville — 311

Brian Head — 118

Roughly 61 percent of Iron County's population is concentrated in Cedar. The next largest concentration of population isn't concentrated at all—individuals living outside the major townships.
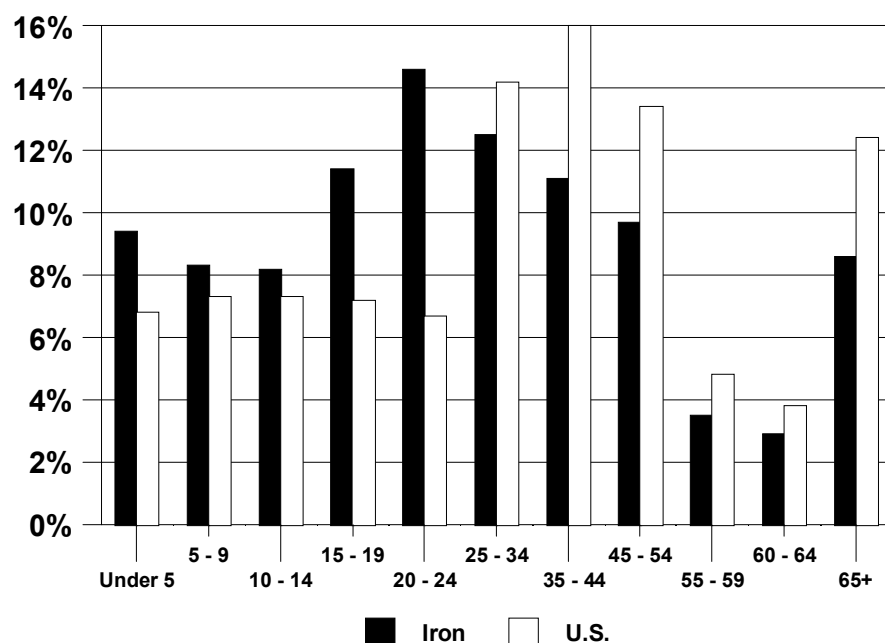
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2000 Population Density

Less than 5 per square mile
5 - 49 per square mile
50 - 99 per square mile
100 -499 per square mile
500 or more per sq mile

Box Elder
Cache
Rich
Weber
Morgan
Davis
Summit
Daggett
Salt Lake
Tooele
Wasatch
Utah
Duchesne
Uintah
Juab
Carbon
Sanpete
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Grand
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Washington
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San Juan

Despite rapid population growth in the 90s, Iron County's population density (at 10 persons per square mile) is relatively low.
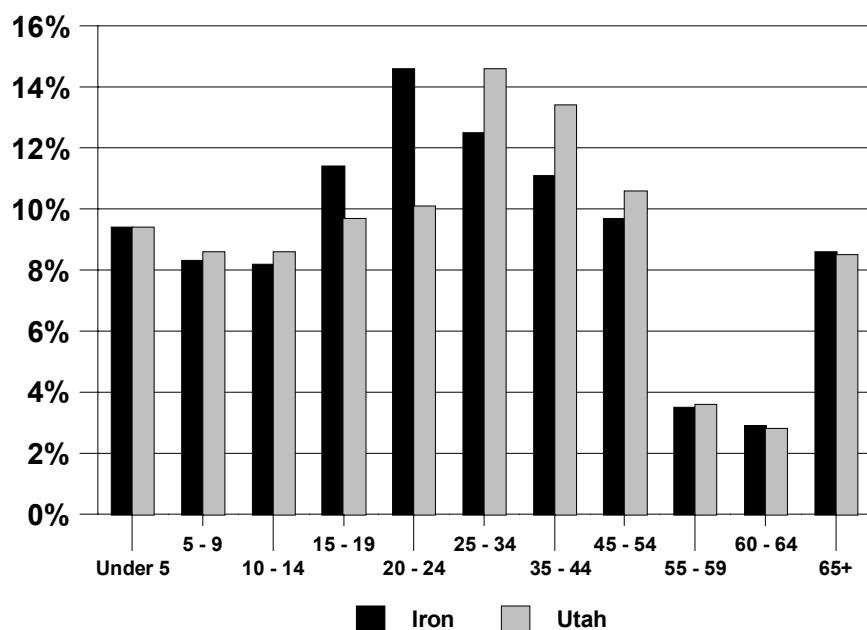
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2000 Population Age Distribution

16% | 14% | 12% | 10% | 8% | 6% | 4% | 2% | 0%

Under 5 | 5 - 9 | 10 - 14 | 15 - 19 | 20 - 24 | 25 - 34 | 35 - 44 | 45 - 54 | 55 - 59 | 60 - 64 | 65+

■ Iron □ U.S.

Southern Utah University's location in Iron County undoubtedly contributes to the county's high share of teenagers and young adults compared to the nation. Iron County also shows a comparatively small share of "seniors."
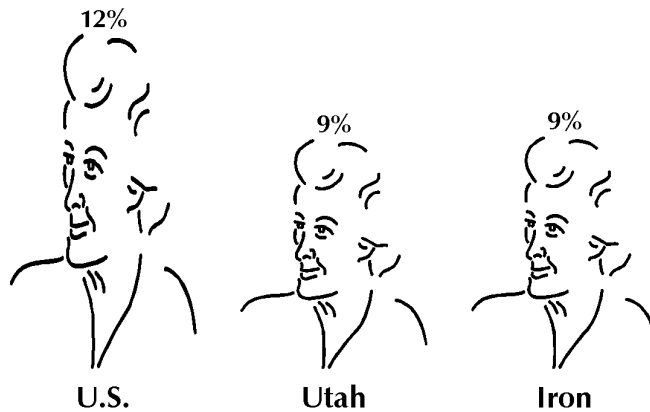
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■ Iron ▦ Utah

Iron County closely mimics the Utah population distribution with the exception that the college-age population encompasses a larger share of residents. In addition, adults between the ages of 25 and 54 are under-represented in the county.
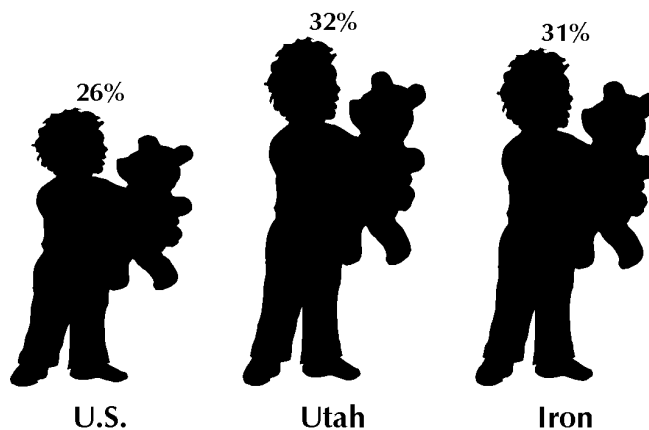
Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

2000 Population over 65

12%

9%

9%

U.S.   Utah   Iron

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

The percentage of Iron County's population over the age of 65 decreased slightly from 10 percent in 1990 to less than 9 percent in 2000.
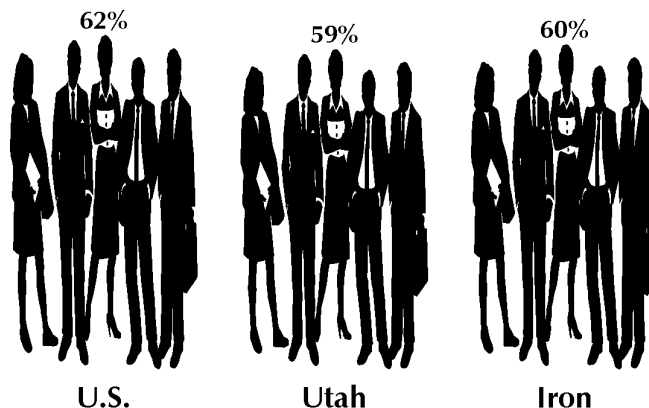
2000 Population under 18

32%

31%

26%

U.S.   Utah   Iron

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

Both the state of Utah and Iron County have a high share of young people and children compared to the national average.
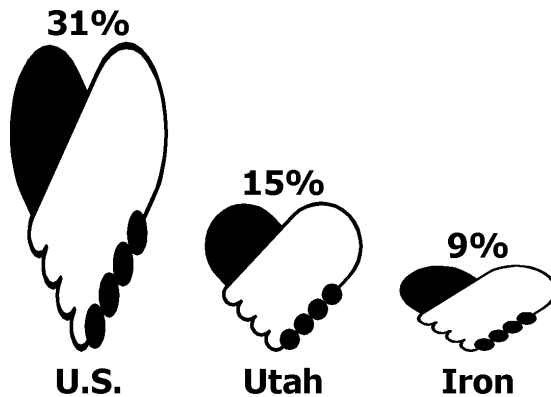
2000 Working Age Population

62%

59%

60%

U.S.   Utah   Iron

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

Iron County's share of "working-age" population (18 to 65 years old) is similar to both the Utah and U.S. figures.
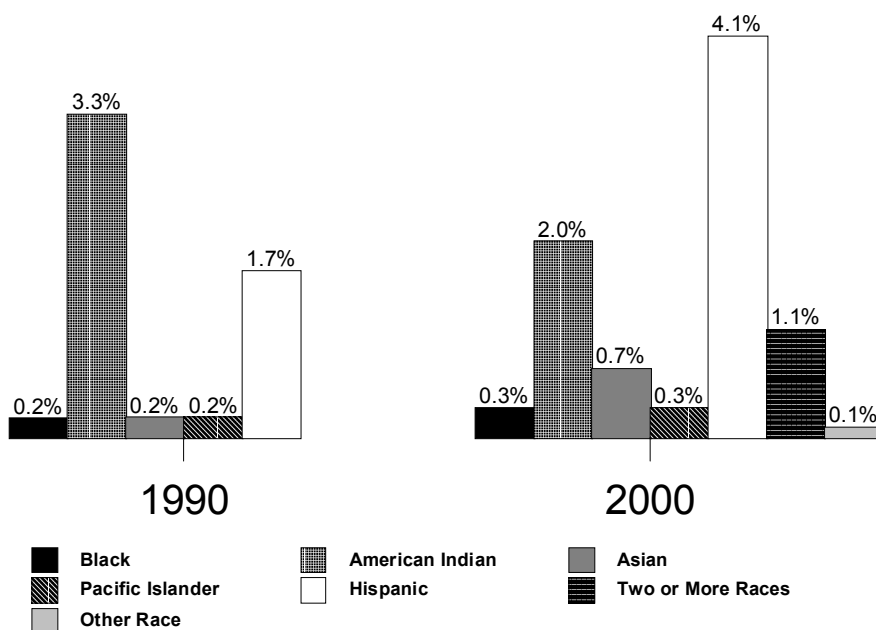
2000 Nonwhite or Hispanic Population

31%

15%

9%

U.S.   **Utah**   **Iron**

Iron County's population is less diverse than either Utah's or the nation's.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

NOTE: *For Census 2000, the U.S. Census Bureau changed the way it collected race and ethnic information. Respondents were able to check as many racial groups as applied and also to indicate "other."*
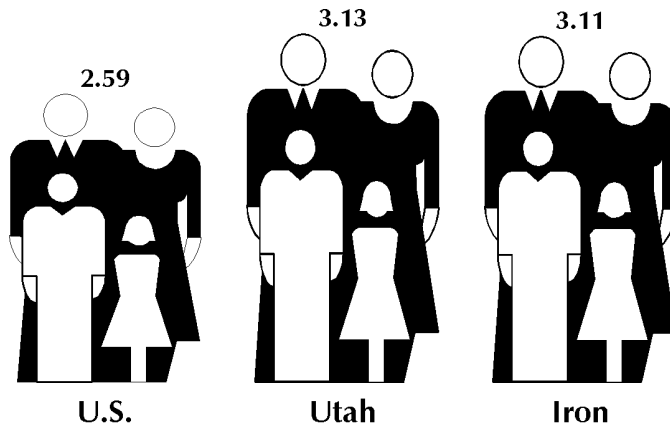
Iron County Race/Ethnic Distribution

In the decade of the 90s, the most eye-catching change in the county's race/ethnic distribution was the substantial growth in Iron County's Hispanic population. In addition, a smaller share of individuals classified themselves as "American Indian."

1990

3.3%
1.7%
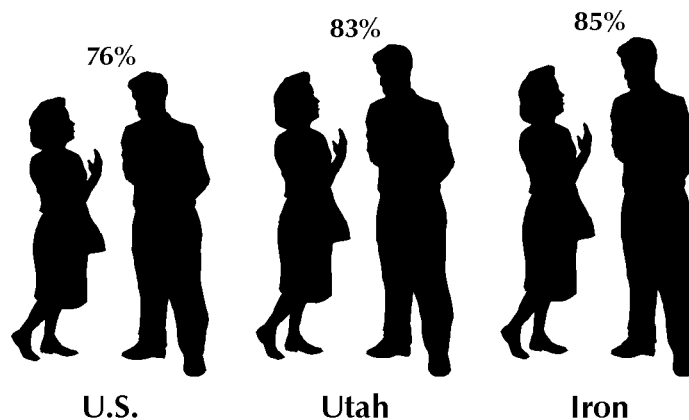0.2%   0.2%   0.2%

2000

4.1%
2.0%
1.1%
0.7%
0.3%   0.3%
0.1%

■ Black   ▦ American Indian   ▪ Asian
▨ Pacific Islander   □ Hispanic   ▬ Two or More Races
▫ Other Race

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

2000 Average Persons per Household

3.13

3.11

2.59

U.S.   Utah   Iron

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

Between 1990 and 2000, Iron County's household size shrank from 3.21 persons to 3.11 persons. Utah's household size remained virtually unchanged.
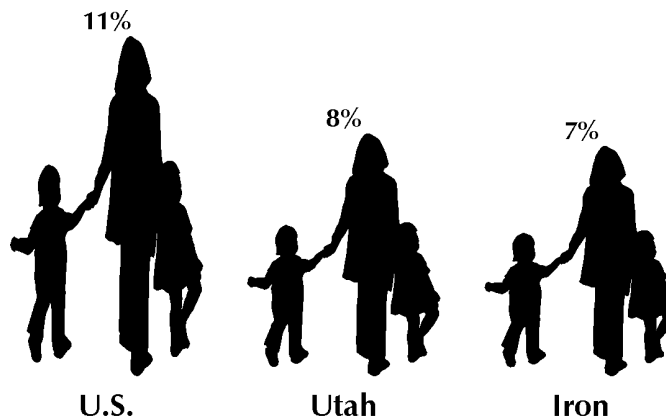
2000 Married Couple Families*

76%   83%   85%

U.S.   Utah   Iron

* As a percent of total families.

Iron County and Utah families are more likely to have a married couple at their head than the national average.

2000 Female-Headed Families with Children*

11%   8%   7%

U.S.   Utah   Iron

* With children under 18 as a percent of total families.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

Not surprisingly, Iron county also showed a smaller percentage of female-headed families with children under 18 years of age.